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The reality is that the City consistently plants trees and shrubs and they are not maintained by the City or the property owners. I am a property owner in Seattle and I have trees in my yard that I already maintain. Placing trees along planting strips throughout the city and then expecting the homeowner to keep them up is ridiculous. Instead why doesn't the City limit development. The City is very dense now and that comes from huge developments coming in and taking out trees. Seattle is very backwards in its thinking. Currently there are streets that are unsafe because the trees in the right of way are too tall and branches obstruct the view of drivers. Also shrubs planted in the right of way by the City are practically covering sidewalks and have become catch basins for garbage and rodents all over Seattle. Instead why doesn't the city educate homeowners about the benefits of trees and encourage planting on their property by people who WANT to maintain them? And BTW all plants are beneficial so there are plants that are easier to maintain that will help be the "lungs of our city". I encourage our City to be more fiscally responsible and instead of FORCING homeowners into a responsibility they don't want or have time for. Become partners with the community instead of making decisions based on one way of thinking. There are multiple ways to achieve the same outcome. The City of Seattle is becoming very intrusive in the lives of its residents and I think its time to back off.